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Edwin Brown House
Centreville
private

1915

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Edwin Brown House, or the Valliant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Chesterfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ not applicable

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

E. S. Valliant, Jr.

Telephone #: 758-1176

STREET & NUMBER

Chesterfield Avenue P.O. Box L

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: ASG Jr. 12

Folio #: 341

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Edwin Brown House stands on a large lot on the southwest side of Chesterfield Avenue near Centreville Wharf. It is a moderate size frame structure covered with brown wood shingles and trimmed in white. It is difficult to classify into a single style because of the brown shingles and the Colonial Revival gambrel form. The latter would probably be more accurate, for the interior as well as the porch posts, etc. reflect more the Colonial Revival than the shingle style.

The building is approximately 42' x 36' with a leanto porch on the facade and a portion of one gable. There is also a small porch off of the kitchen. It is a gambrel roof structure on the gables with large shed dormers on both sides. Being a deep building, the upper pitch of the gambrel encloses enough space for a third story.

The house is basically a three bay wide by two bay deep building. It has a central entry with sidelights. Flanking the entry are two windows, each with 4 casements. The shed dormer also has three 4-casement windows.

A single window on each of the three stories

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME & TITLE

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/17/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CONTINUATIONSHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

is the only feature on the southeast gable. The first and second stories have 4 casements each, while the third story has three casements.

On the northwest gable there are two windows on the first and second stories and one on the third. Only the kitchen window (west) differs from the others, with a double sash window with 6/6 sash.

The southwest facade is very irregular, reflecting the different spaces within. The plan of the house consists of a center stair flanked by the dining room and the living room. Behind the stair is a small back hall with five doors opening clockwise into a den (formerly pantry), the basement stair, the kitchen, the dining room and the hall.

The living room is the whole depth of the house and has a fireplace in the center of the long interior wall. It is a large brick pile with heavy shelf. It is flanked by medium height book shelves. The ceiling has exposed beams and flooring above. It is the only such ceiling in the house.

A very handsome open string stair rises from the left wall, then cuts across the width of the hall to the second story. There is a bold volute at the base of the handrail.

In the north corner of the house is a dining room,

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

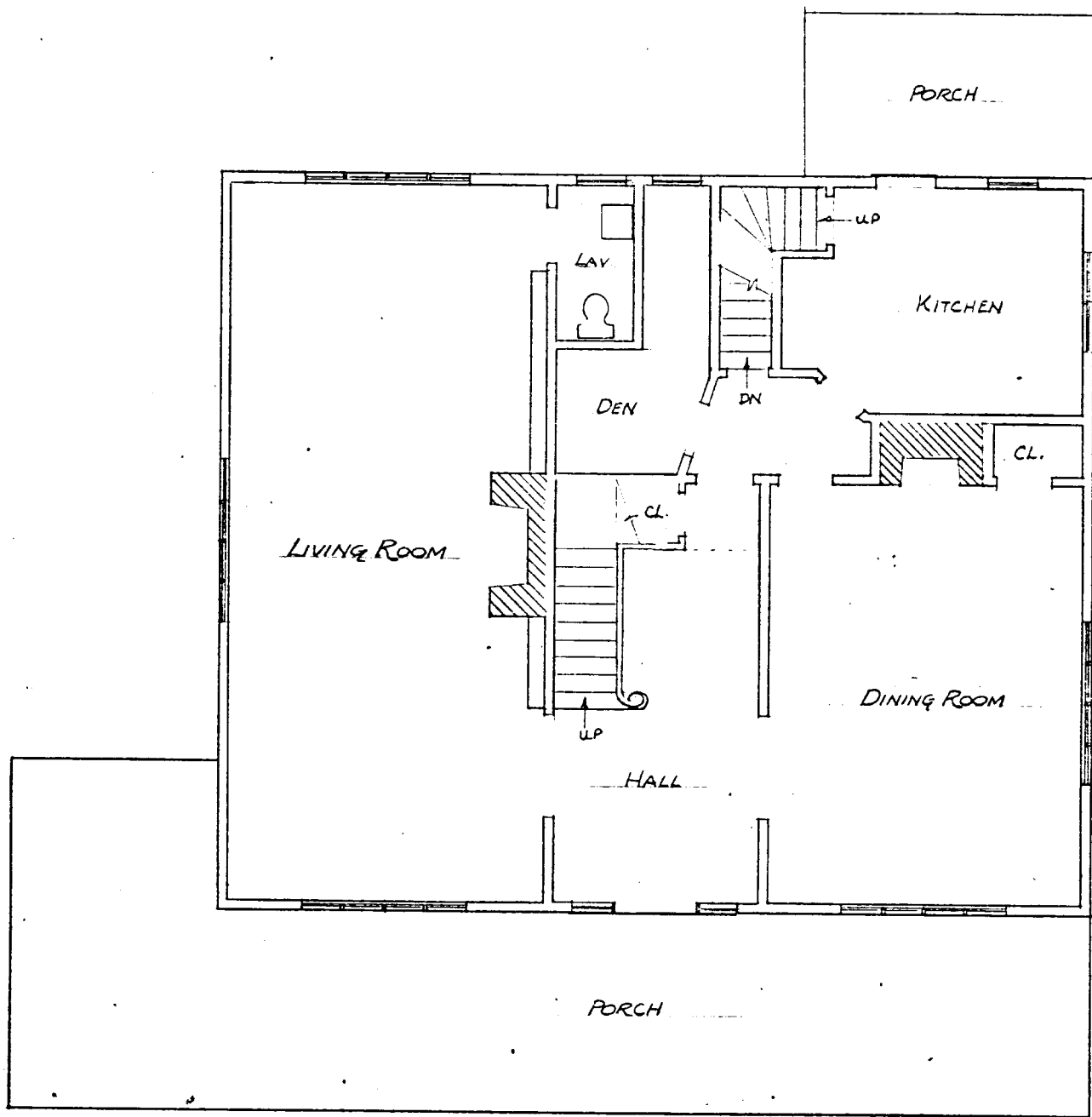
with fireplace adjacent the kitchen wall. A mantel shelf sits atop a brick face around the fireplace.

Most of the trim is very plain with a simplified entablature above the un-molded surround. The doors have five or six horizontal panels.

On the second story are three bedrooms and two baths. The third story has two bedrooms and a closet and hall.

There is a full basement under the house. Scratched in the masonry at the foot of the basement stair is the name of the builder and the date: W. H. Neale 1915.

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EDWIN BROWN HOUSE
CHESTERFIELD AVE.
CENTREVILLE, MD.
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE - $\frac{7}{8}" = 1'-0"$
M. BOURNE 7/83

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Account Identifier: District - 03 **Account Number -** 013952

Owner Information

Owner Name: BRADEN, J DONALD & SHARON H
Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 405 CHESTERFIELD AVE
CENTREVILLE MD 21617
Deed Reference: 1) MWM/ 271/ 508
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
405 CHESTERFIELD AVE
CENTREVILLE 21619

Legal Description
LOT 40000 SQ FT
S/CHESTERFIELD AVE
CENTREVILLE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
300		873		CENTREVILLE				80	
Special Tax Areas			Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	04					
Primary Structure Built			1901	Enclosed Area	3,780 SF	Property Land Area		40,000.00 SF	County Use
Stories		2 1/2	Basement		YES	Type		STANDARD UNIT	Exterior FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2004	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	54,640	121,650		
Improvements:	182,120	260,730		
Total:	236,760	382,380	236,760	285,300
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: VALLIANT, GENEVIVE H
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH
Date: 02/05/1987
Deed1: MWM/ 271/ 508
Price: \$121,000
Deed2:
Seller:
Date:
Deed1:
Price:
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Seller:
Date:
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Price:
Deed2:

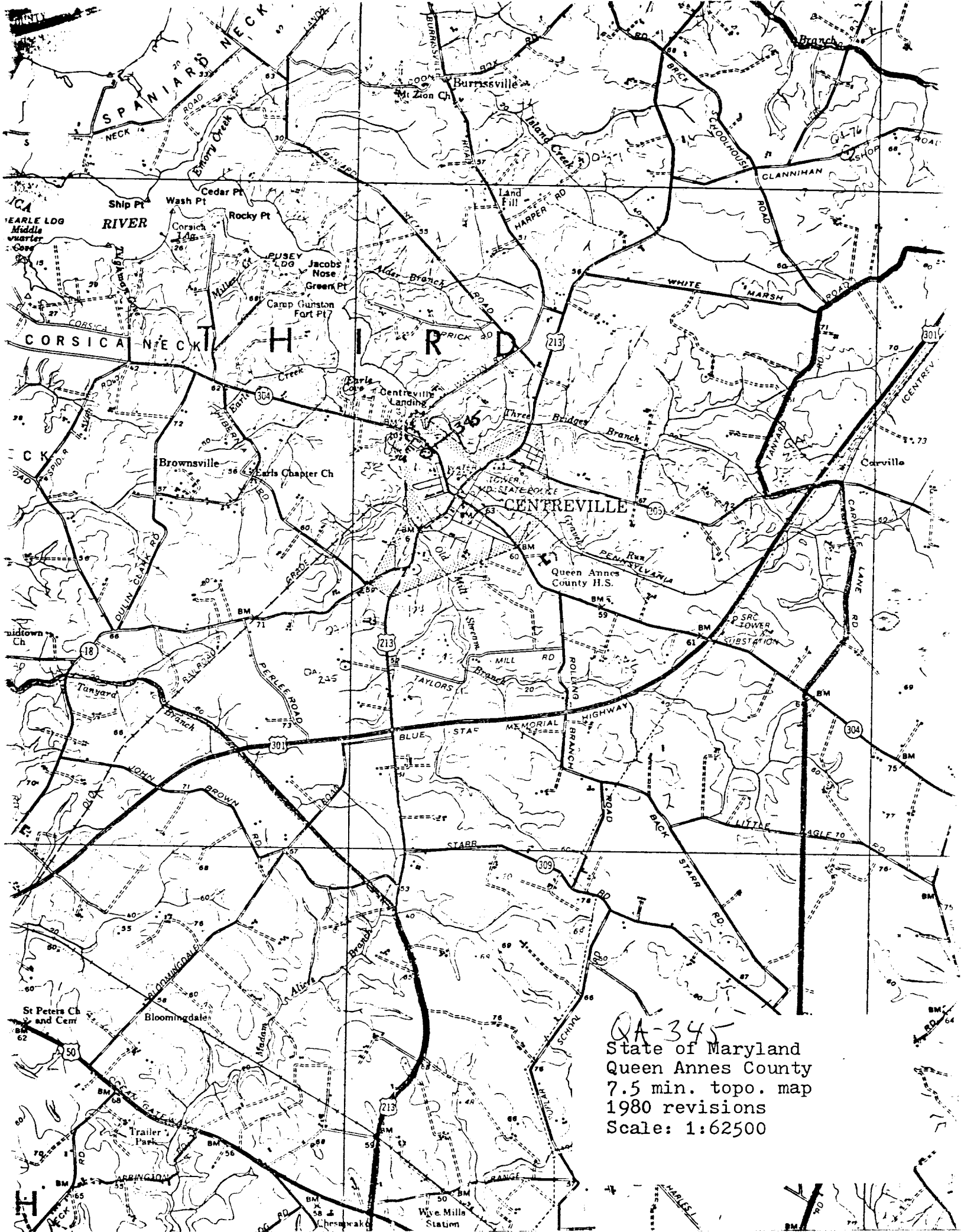
Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

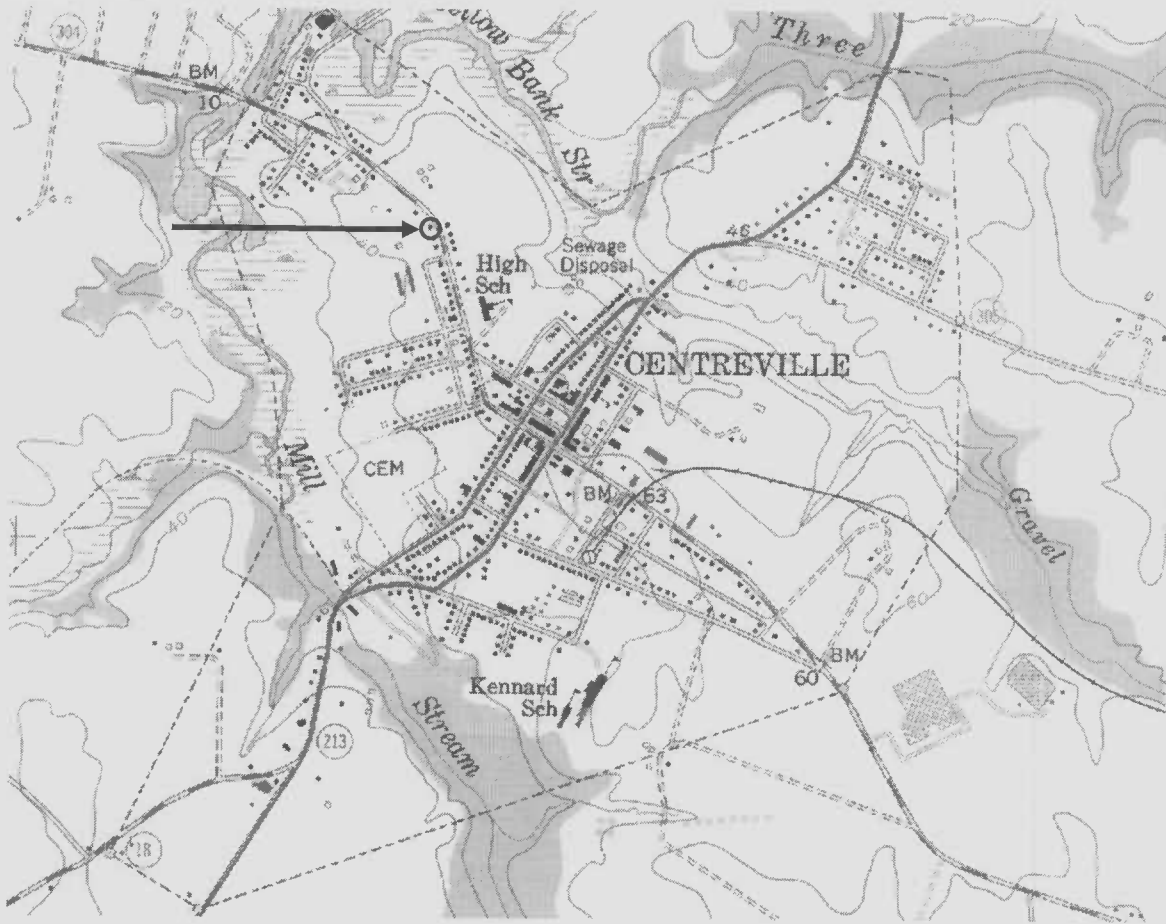
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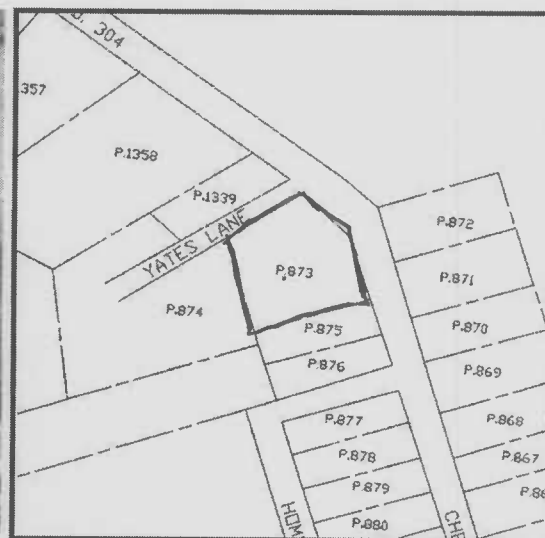
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State of Maryland
Queen Annes County
7.5 min. topo. map
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Edwin Brown House (Valliant House)
405 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville Quadrangle



1992-95 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 300, *p 873*



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Edwin H. Brown
House

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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